(b) whether it is also a fact that the profitability of the fertilizer units in the country is being eroded because of the inordinate delay in the release of normal Government subsidy dues;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government's decision to increase the capacity utilisation norms for different categories of plants and to re-work the depreciation rates on the basis of 20 years life assets would seriously effect the assets of the fertilizer companies in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to remove the uncertainties in the fertilizer industry which is fast losing its credibility as an investment proposition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Fertilizer manufacturing companies which operate in a cost effective manner at the norms of capacity utilisation and consumption efficiencies, as prescribed in the Retention Price and Subsidy Scheme, are expected to get 12 per cent post tax return. However, actual return is determined by factors like actual capacity utilisation, marketing expenses, consumption efficiencies etc., which vary from unit to unit.

(b) Although payment of subsidy on bills which are complete in all respects is made within a maximum period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the claims, there are delays sometimes, in release of subsidy payment due to constraint of funds particularly towards the end of the financial year.

(c) and (d) The Government decision is based on the experience and performance of the fertilizer manufacturing companies, technological developments resulting in higher productivity, availability of gas as feedstock etc.

2654. [*Transferred to the 30th March, 1989*]

Reduction in the work load of the ministry

2655. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the work load reduced in the Ministry due to transfer of work, delicensing of roller flour mills and adoption of new technology during the last three/four years;

(b) what is the number of posts of Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Directors, Under Secretaries besides Desk/Section Officers reduced in the Directorate of Vanaspati and Directorate of Sugar as a measure of economy stating the annual estimated administrative expenditure curtailed as a result thereof; and

(c) what other measures have been taken to curtail non-plan expenditure in the Ministry stating the annual estimated reduction in the expenditure during the last three/four years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of Papan Kalan Scheme

2656. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position regarding finalisation and implementation of the Papan Kalan Scheme; and

(b) the related policies and procedures if any, formulated for the affected residents covered under the scheme Nos. 170 and 172?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Development plan of Papankalan Scheme was approved by the Delhi Development Authority on 12th December, 1988 and work relating to finalisation of estimates, preliminary demarcation of roads and development of acquired lands in Phase-I, has since been taken up.

(b) Area Nos. 171 and not (170) and 172 have been declared as Development areas under Delhi Development Act, 1957. Any fresh construction in these areas can

be raised now only after the specific sanction of building plans which has to be in conformity with the plan for the area. The residents within the Development area whose properties are acquired for implementation of the plan for the area, are eligible for allotment of alternative plots at pre-determined rates, in addition to the compenation payable to them for land and structures.

Supply of Phosphoric Acid to Godavari Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited

2657. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to supply phosphoric acid to the Godavari Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh resulting in halting production of DAP (diammonium phosphate) several times;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to tide over the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Regular production in the plant started from may 16, 1988 In the second semester of 1988, the plant ran satisfactorily; however it was shut down from 21st January to 5th February, 1989 and again since 26th February, 1989 for want of phosphoric acid.

(b) The import of phosphoric acid could not be arranged due to very high international prices of acid.

(c) Government is arranging for import of adequate quantities of acid as also Diammonium Phosphate

Nutrition scheme for women living below poverty line

2658. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme for nutrition scheme in place of mid-day meal and also a pair of sarees to each adult women below poverty line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Removal of price control from Aluminium

2659. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to remove price control from Aluminium;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) With increasing domestic production of aluminium metal, control over price and distribution of aluminium has been removed from 1st March, 1989.

राष्ट्रीय बाल मजदूर नीति के तहत बाल कल्याण योजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन

2660. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि फिरोजाबाद के कांच उद्योग, अलीगढ़ के ताला उद्योग और मुरादाबाद के पीतल उद्योग को राष्ट्रीय बाल मजदूर पीति के तहत बाल कल्याण योजनाएं क्रियान्वित करने की मंजूरी दी गई है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश के आजमगढ़, गोरखपुर, देवरिया, बलिया, मऊ और जौनपुर जिलों में उपर्युक्त क्षेत्रों में लगे हुए विख्यात उद्योगों में भी इस प्रकार की बाल कल्याण योजनाएं क्रियान्वित करने का विचार रखती है ; और